

Montana Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (WASP) Demonstration Waiver

June 2022 Extension/Renewal Submission

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE SCHEDULE

**Public Comment Period:
April 20, 2022 – June 18, 2022**

All Public Notice and Tribal Consultation documents referred to below
are posted on the
[June 2022 WASP Extension/Renewal webpage](#)

Public Hearings

**The public is invited to participate in one or both of two virtual public hearings
regarding the demonstration application.**

The first virtual public hearing is on Thursday, May 19, 2022 from Noon. to 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time.
Please [REGISTER](#) to attend.

The second public hearing is on Friday, May 20, 2022 from Noon. to 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time.
Please [REGISTER](#) to attend.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the
meeting. If special accommodations are needed, contact Mary Eve Kulawik at (406) 444-2584 or
mkulawik@mt.gov.

Comments and questions may be submitted by the following methods:

- By US Mail:
Medicaid WASP Waiver Extension/Renewal
Department of Public Health and Human Services, Director's Office
111 North Sanders Street
PO Box 4210
Helena MT 59604
c/o Mary Eve Kulawik
- By telephone: (406) 444-2584
- By electronic mail: dphscomments@mt.gov

You will also have opportunity to officially comment during the federal public comment period
after the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finds the application and public
notice requirements met.

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DATE	NECESSARY ACTION
On or before April 19, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) this Public Notice Schedule; 2. Post this Public Notice Schedule; and 3. Post Explanation of Public Notice Process.
On or before April 19, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send Tribal Consultation letters to Tribes informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at either or both the Montana Public Hearings held virtually on May 19 and May 20, 2022 and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments; and 2. Post generic Tribal Consultation letter.
On or before April 19, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send Montana Health Coalition electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at either or both the Montana Public Hearings held virtually on May 19 and May 20, 2022, and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments; and 2. Post the Coalition memo to the, Coalition webpage and 3. Post generic Health Coalition memo.
On or before April 19, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send WASP Mental Health Services Plan (MHSP) Stakeholders electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at either or both the Montana Public Hearings held virtually on May 19 and May 20, 2022 and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments; and 2. Post MHSP Stakeholders memo.
On or before April 19, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislative staff sends Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee electronic memo informing them of 60-day public comment period, inviting their input at either or both the Montana Public Hearings held virtually on May 19 and May 20, 2022 and informing them of where to find information online and the opportunity to submit comments; and 2. Post Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee memo.
On or before April 19, 2022	Post notice of public meetings on the state's e-calendar.
On or before April 19, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish Newspaper Public Notice that is the Abbreviated Public Notice in 3 largest Montana newspapers: Missoulian, (Missoula, MT); Billings Gazette, (Billings, MT); and the Independent Record, (Helena, MT); and 2. Post text of the Newspaper Public Notice.

DATE	NECESSARY ACTION
On or before April 19, 2022	<p>Post:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abbreviated Public Notice document with announcement of the scheduled virtual public hearings; 2. Full Public Notice document with announcement of the scheduled virtual public hearings and registration information for the public hearings. Also contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific waiver and expenditure authorities necessary to authorize the demonstration; • Research hypotheses related to the demonstration’s goals and objectives, and a plan for testing the hypotheses in the context of the evaluation; 3. Brief Summary of the Demonstration, that contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility requirements • Benefit coverage 4. Early Comprehensive Description of the Demonstration (with Section V. information to be completed after the public notice period). Contained within is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative history of the demonstration; • Report of the annual enrollment history and estimate of increase or decrease based on extension; • Report of the annual aggregate expenditure history and estimate of increase or decrease based on extension and ways the program differs from Montana’s other program features; • Interim Evaluation Report inclusive of evaluation activities and findings to date and plans for evaluation during the extension period and • Ways the program differs from Montana’s other program features 5. Preliminary June 2022 WASP Extension/Renewal Application that contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the health care delivery system 6. Goals and Objectives of the Demonstration; 7. Budget Neutrality Table reflecting the annual aggregate expenditures and expected changes based on extension; and 8. Interim Evaluation Report inclusive of evaluation activities and findings to date and plans for evaluation during the extension period.
On or before April 19, 2022	<p>Post the link to the: June 2022 WASP Extension/Renewal webpage</p> <p>on the following webpages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DPHHS Public Notices webpage; and 2. Medicaid State Plan and Waiver Amendment Public Notices webpage
April 20, 2022	Begin the state 60-day Public Comment Period and CMS-required 30-day state comment period. Begins on April 20, 2022 and ends on June 18, 2022.
Before May 12, 2022	Post the link to the Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee May 12, 2022 meeting webpage on the June 2022 WASP Extension/Renewal webpage.
May 12,	Present the Preliminary June 2022 WASP Extension/Renewal Application to the Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee meeting.

DATE	NECESSARY ACTION
2022	
May 16, 2022	Post the Agenda and Handout for the Montana Public Hearings held virtually on May 19 and May 20, 2022.
May 19, 2022	Hold first Montana Public Hearing with Zoom capabilities. To be held May 19, 2022, Noon to 2:00 p.m.
May 20, 2022	Hold second Montana Public Hearing with Zoom capabilities. To be held May 20, 2022, Noon to 2:00 p.m.
On or before May 25, 2022	Post the number of attendees for both the May 19 and May 20, 2022 Public Hearings;
June 18, 2022	End of 60-day Public Comment Period
On or before June 30, 2022	Post: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final Comprehensive Description of the Demonstration; 2. Compliance with the Public Notice Process document; 3. Red-line Version of Preliminary Application showing changes made based on public comment; 4. Clean Version of Final Application including summary of comments received and responses given; and 5. CMS Website for Section 1115 Waivers and Public Notice
On or before June 30, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain Governor signed cover letter for application submission; and 2. Submit both clean electronic and paper final waiver application submissions to CMS
Following CMS findings of a complete waiver application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Post the CMS completeness letter for the June 2022 WASP Extension/Renewal application; and 2. Observe the federal 30-day public comment period